

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

Notice of Market Dominant
Price Adjustment

Docket No. R2013-10

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 4

(Issued October 21, 2013)

To clarify the Postal Service's planned market dominant price adjustments in its Notice of Market Dominant Price Adjustment, filed September 26, 2013, the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers should be provided no later than October 25, 2013.

1. Please refer to "CAPCALC-FCM-R2013-10.xls" in Library Reference USPS-LR-R2013-10/1. The workbook tab "Hybrid Yr. Billing Determinants" provides volumes for one-ounce pieces and additional ounces for presort categories of mail. However, in the workbook tab "Presort," the volume for 2- to 3.5-ounce pieces for the same categories is equal to the volume for all additional ounces in the workbook tab "Hybrid Yr. Billing Determinants." Please explain why the volume between 2- and 3.5- ounces is equal to the volume between 1- and 3.5- ounces.
2. Please refer to "CAPCALC-FCM-R2013-10.xls" in Library Reference USPS-LR-R2013-10/1. The workbook tab "Hybrid Yr. Billing Determinants" does not include volumes for picture permit indicia. Please provide updated First-Class Mail workpapers that include this omitted rate category.

3. The following questions refer to the residual single-piece rate structure.
- a. Please confirm that residual 2-ounce letters from “uniform” 2-ounce presort mailings currently qualify for the residual rate of 48 cents. If not confirmed, please explain.
 - b. Please confirm that under the proposed rate structure, residual 2-ounce letters from “uniform” 2-ounce presort mailings pay the 2-ounce Metered letter rate of 66 cents. If not confirmed, please explain.
 - c. Please provide separate volumes for residual pieces from “uniform” 1-ounce presort mailings, “uniform” 2-ounce presort mailings and “mixed” presort mailings for the hybrid year of Q4 FY2012 to Q3 FY2013.
 - d. Please provide updated First-Class Mail workpapers that reflect the change in the rates for residual 2-ounce letters from “uniform” 2-ounce presort mailings.
 - e. Please confirm that a presort mailing that contains 2-ounce pieces and one 1-ounce piece would be considered a “mixed” mailing for purposes of determining the applicable rate for the residual pieces. If not confirmed, please explain.
 - f. Please confirm that a presort mailing consisting of 1-ounce and 2-ounce pieces would be considered a “mixed” mailing for purposes of determining the applicable rate for the residual pieces even if all the residual pieces weigh 2 ounces. If not confirmed, please explain.
4. Please refer to page 13 of Attachment A of the Notice. Please confirm that, consistent with Ordering Paragraph No. 2 of Order No. 1828,¹ paragraph a. under the heading “Flat Round-Trip Mailer” is intended to read as follows: “a. Flat Round-Trip Mailer service allows a mailer to send a flat-shaped mailpiece to a subscriber at the applicable one (1) ounce ~~Flats~~ machinable Letter price and

¹ Docket No. C2009-1R, Order Prescribing Remedy, September 4, 2013, at 9 (Order No. 1828).

pay postage for the return of the contents of that mailpiece at the one (1) ounce Single-Piece ~~Flats~~ Machinable Letter price.”

Please refer to USPS-LR-R2013-10/1, Excel file: CAPCALC-FCM-R2013-10.

Please confirm that the First-Class Mail workpapers do not include volumes or rates related to the Mobile Technology Promotions and the Earned Value Reply Mail Promotion that were approved in Docket No. R2013-1. If confirmed, please provide updated First-Class Mail workpapers that include these omitted First-Class Mail rate categories. If not confirmed, please explain.

By the Chairman.

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